

February 2, 1995 LB 25A, 173A

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Madam Chairman, and members, LB 25, as you remember is the coordinator for the Hearing-Impaired Commission to hire a coordinator who would work with the people who are hearing-impaired, who need services for when they have mental health problems or drug abuse and that kind of thing, so they will have communication. The bill...originally, the A bill was a little higher and the fiscal analyst and the people at the hearing impaired have worked together and at the present time it's \$66,272 for the first year, \$60,423 for the second year. The costs related to the promulgation of the regulations would be about \$5,000 and that's what the Department of Public Institutions bears. And then there are operating expenses for postage, communications, publications, for the salary, for the coordinator, office supplies and support staff. That's what the money is for, and so if you have any questions, I would be glad to answer them. And I would appreciate your vote to move the A bill along so when we get to the end of the session the A bill is there with the bill itself. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Crosby. Is there any discussion of the advancement of LB 25A? Seeing none, Senator Crosby wishes to close. The question before the body is the advancement of LB 25A. All those in favor vote aye. All those opposed vote nay. Please record.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, Madam President, on the advancement of LB 25A.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: LB 25A advances. LB 173A.

CLERK: LB 173A introduced by Senator Wesely. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 26, referred directly to General File, Madam President.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: The Chair recognizes Senator Matzke to open on LB 173A.

SENATOR MATZKE: Madam President and members of the Legislature, LB 173 is the bill that requires podiatrists to complete a one-year postgraduate residency program. The A bill merely transfers funds and only involves \$1,500. It provides that \$1,500 will be transferred from the Bureau of Examining Board's Cash Funds to the Department of Health, in order to carry out the supervision of the residency program. Involves a